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custom-house is undergoing general repairs necessitating another move, I will have to await another time. From the examination already made, however, I do not think there is much of interest among these papers.

The army transports under the new orders are now no longer arriving at this port. They call only at San Juan.

Respectfully, yours,

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PONCE, PORTO RICO, *June 14, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that at the request of the collector of customs at this port, who made the request in compliance with instructions received by himself, I have been inspecting all aliens arriving at this port for some time. The orders issued to the collector were exceedingly broad, and gave him authority to reject any person he saw fit to reject, with the advice of the port physician; so that the collector and myself practically formed an informal board to dispose of all cases. Recently, however, an order has been issued from the War Department putting in force in this island the immigration laws of the United States. Under this order I am still inspecting aliens, without any orders from the Bureau, it is true, but I judged it wise to comply with the request.

I have made no report of these inspections, since under the first orders all inspections were of an irregular description. Since the last orders were issued, however, I have been making regular inspections, and followed the same procedure which I have followed when doing such work in the United States.

I give below the number inspected, with the rejections. If the Bureau desires a more detailed statement I can supply it.

Under the first orders, the total number inspected from March 1 to June 9, 222; rejections, none. Under the last orders (United States immigration laws), June 12, steamship *Miguel M. Pinillos*, from Barcelona, 7; rejections, none; June 13, steamship *Le Georges Croisé*, from Cuba and St. Domingo, 23; rejections, 1. This includes all aliens, cabin and steerage.

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Cerebro-spinal meningitis in the United States.

[Continued from last PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS.]

PENNSYLVANIA—*Philadelphia*.—One death from cerebro-spinal meningitis was reported during the week ended June 24.

OHIO—*Cincinnati*.—Two deaths were reported from cerebro-spinal meningitis during the week ended June 16.